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VA North Texas dedicates newest Fisher House in Dallas

DALLAS – VA North Texas Health Care System and the Fisher House Foundation will dedicate the newest addition to the Fisher House™ Program on October 23, 2008 at 10:00am. The 16,800 square foot Fisher House located on the grounds of the Dallas VA Medical Center is the eighteenth on VA property and the forty-second for the Foundation. The Dallas Fisher House is the largest to date, complete with a common kitchen, laundry facilities, spacious dining room, living room, library, picnic pavilion and toys for children. An elevator will provide access to the second floor.

The Fisher House™ program is a unique private-public partnership that supports America's military in their time of need. The program recognizes the special sacrifices of our men and women in uniform and the hardships of military service by enhancing services provided to families of hospitalized military and veterans by the Departments of Defense and Veterans Affairs.

Because members of the military and their families are stationed worldwide and must often travel great distances for specialized medical care, Fisher House™ Foundation donates "comfort homes," built on the grounds of major military and VA medical centers. These homes enable family members to be close to a loved one at the most stressful time - during the hospitalization for an unexpected illness, disease, or injury.

Parking for the October 23 dedication ceremony will be offsite, near the Harry Stone Montessori School campus, with shuttle service to the event. Additional information about Fisher Houses and the Fisher Foundation can be found on the VA North Texas Health Care System web site - http://www.northtexas.va.gov/fisher_house.asp

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